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FOLLOWING REPEAT NEW DELHI 3773 ACTION SECSTATE MAR 12.

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NEW DELHI 3773

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY MAR 11, 1976

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QUOTE

BOMBAY 0637

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TARAPUR NUCLEAR FUEL EXPORT LICENSE

REF: BOMBAY 0636

1. MY COMMENTS ON SETHNA'S LETTER RESPONDING TO DEPT REQUEST FOR
DATA ON STATUS OF NUCLEAR FUEL PRODUCTION FOLLOW:

A. SETHNA UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDED SUCH EXTENSIVE DETAIL TO DEMONSTRATE
THAT HE IS STILL COOPERATING FULLY WITH US AND IS WILLING TO
DISCLOSE FULL DETAILS RELATED TO OPERATION TARAPUR REACTORS. HE
WANTS TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF HOLDING BACK DATA OR EXAGGERATING
PROBLEM.

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B. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM ANSWEGMTO FIRST QUESTION, IAEC HAS PRACTI-

CALLY NO INVENTORY OF FINISHED FUEL. THIRTY BUNDLES REPRESENTS LESS THAN 20 PER CENT OF 1975 REQUIREMENTS.

C. HE CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT NFC PLANT IS RUNNING AT CAPACITY AND STILL CAN ONLY KEEP UP WITH MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS, AS IT IS ONLY A 25-TON (OXIDE) PLANT, SETHNA CLAIMS ITS RATE OF PRODUCTION CANNOT BE STEPPED UP MUCH.

D. SHORTFALL IN FUEL SUPPLY NOW WILL HAVE GREATEST EFFECT NEXT WINTER WHEN POWER NEEDS GREATEST AND WHEN SHORTAGES MOST ACUTE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE SAYS IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 5(B) THAT HE WILL PREFER TO REDUCE OUTPUT AS EARLY AS NEXT SEPTEMBER.

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